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STAFF and pupils at a local primary school are celebrating after striking 'silver' in a prestigious awards scheme.

Holland Moor Primary School, in Cornbrook, Skelmersdale have achieved the 'Silver Sainsbury's School Games Mark' for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in the last academic year.

The school regularly competes against others in the borough at a number of sports and is also involved in the West Lancashire School Sport Partnership

Sports offered at the school include tag rugby, football, handball, netball, swimming, athletics, mini tennis, cricket, dodgeball, basketball, benchball, cross country, rounders and tri golf.

WHY DID COUNCIL LEAVE TRAPPED PIGEONS TO DIE?

Resident's calls ignored after birds are sealed in roof

EXCLUSIVE by
Danielle Thompson

A PENSIONER has accused West Lancs Council of cruelly leaving a flock of pigeons to starve to death after they became accidentally trapped in the eaves of a block of flats following work to replace broken tiles.

Former retail manager Peter Atkinson only became aware of the birds shortly after council workmen had left the property in Evington, Tanhouse on Friday, March 13. Hearing the birds making noises and moving about, he realised that they had been sealed inside and contacted the council.

However, he says, despite repeated calls to the authority no–one came to either free them or put them out of their misery humanely.

And he says that some of the birds were still alive and poking their heads out of a tiny gap in the roof a fortnight later on Friday, March 27.

By the following day though (Saturday, March 28) Mr Atkinson said all of the birds had died, including three which, seemingly in a desperate bid for freedom, had managed to squeeze their heads and upper body out of a gap in the eaves only to become wedged halfway out and perish.

The three rotting carcasses are still dangling from the eaves.

Mr Atkinson told the Champion: "Repair workers came out to replace broken tiles in the eaves on Friday, March 13 and trapped a flock of pigeons inside the roof space. But despite repeated calls from me and other residents, nobody came out to free them or put them out of their misery.

"It was absolutely horrible how long they were in there. They were definitely still alive a fortnight later as we could still hear them making noises and poking their heads through a little gap.

"Then in sheer desperation, three pushed themselves half out of a gap in the eaves but couldn't quite fit through and have died. Their bodies are still dangling from the eaves now.

"I'm not exactly a pigeon lover but no living creature deserves to die the way that those birds did.

"I felt so sorry for them. The only way I can think they lasted so long was by eating the carcasses of the ones that died first.

"There was no way for us to get to them – you'd need scaffolding like the repair men used, or a cherry–picker.

"The bodies are still there and now we have concerns about the rotting carcasses and maggots.

"I want to know what the council has been doing for the last two weeks and why they couldn't have resolved this more quickly and more humanely."

West Lancashire Borough Council declined to comment on why the pigeons were not freed despite repeated calls by Mr Atkinson but a council spokesman said: "The council has contacted a contractor who will remove the pigeons as soon as possible."

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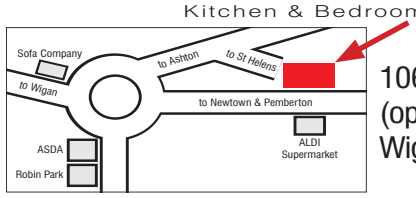

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18–year sentence for armed raiders' getaway driver

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A MAN involved in a terrifying gang robbery at the West Lancashire home of a self–employed businessman and his wife has received an 18–year sentence.

Paul Hogan was the getaway driver for the masked and armed gang who stormed the couple's luxury home in Parbold and stole jewellery after tying them up and threatening them with weapons.

The 30–year–old was arrested last September, almost a year after the raid which he committed while on licence from jail for a cash–in–transit robbery.

Sentencing Hogan, of Kerris Close, Aigburth, to 13–and–a–half years imprisonment with an extended licence of four–and–a–half years, Judge Robert Trevor–Jones said: "You have a serious record and you are connected to serious offending. This was carefully planned, you had masks, gloves and weapons."

The judge added that the gang had targeted the property and said it had been "a terrifying experience" for the victims.

He described the offence as "a joint enterprise" and said that Hogan had known what his accomplices were doing.

Hogan, who has other convictions for aggravated burglary involving the theft of £60,000 worth of watches, wounding and assault, pleaded guilty to the robbery on the day his trial was due to start earlier this month.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that the couple were robbed by a gang of five or six men one of whom received a 15–year term a year ago after admitting his involvement.

The gang struck at the victim's large home in Parbold mid–evening on October 28, 2013 while they were watching television in a raid described as "sophisticated, planned and well executed."

The couple heard repeated banging at the front door and it was then kicked open and a gang wearing dark clothing burst in demanding to know where the safe was.

The businessman's wife then had a knife with a six–inch blade held to her throat and while she was screaming hysterically in front of him her arms and legs were bound by gaffer tape.

Her husband was frogmarched to the safe in the garage and while there one picked up the victim's screwdriver and as he held this in his mouth, while later helping tie him up with more gaffer tape, his DNA was later found on it.

The raiders grabbed expensive jewellery which also had great sentimental value and an iPhone.

They were not content with the cash from the safe and the businessman, who was kicked in the ribs, found another £700 in the house to appease them. Before leaving with their haul they demanded the keys to his wife's BMW car and drove away in it.

The couple managed to free themselves and raise the alarm and a police officer spotted the car shortly afterwards driving at high speed in Alder Lane, Parbold and gave chase.

The gang abandoned the vehicle, with the engine still running and escaped.

The court heard that the couple had been badly traumatised and have since had to sell up.

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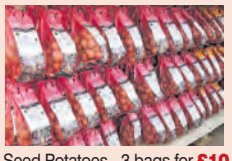

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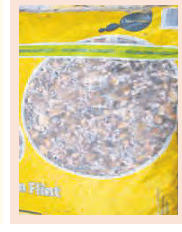

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Photography course puts youngsters in the picture!

A GROUP of local youngsters have been taking part in a five–week photography course at the Artz Centre in Birch Green which encouraged them to do something more positive with their mobile phones.

The Youth Service–funded project allowed the youngsters to learn from professional photographers and develop skills and techniques in the art of photography.

Each week they faced a different challenge, allowing them to understand how pictures can be used in today's society. The categories included portrait, conceptual branding, campaign images and artist photography.

The images were then judged by industry professionals who gave the young people a great insight into how their images could be used for a variety of reasons.

Artz Centre director Mark Ashton said this course is another example of how the centre is using creativity as a means of education, recreation and developing key skills in our young people.

On the back of the success of the course, the Artz Centre has offered one young person a scholarship opportunity to develop their skills further under the on going guidance of professionals.

Mark Ashton added: "We live in a society where photography is more accessible than ever before, but our young people do not always use this creative tool responsibly. We designed a programme that would would help them capture the positive things in their lives using the camera on their mobile phones.

"It was great to have photographers Beccy Tipton and Josh Gwynne working with the students and helping them bring their ideas to life. The standard of their work and attitude towards the project has been incredible. I would also like to thank our judging panel for giving their time to support this idea.

"We are not talking about professional photographers with expensive equipment here, we are talking kids, some as young as eight, from the local area. These kids have shown great vision and imagination."

The youngsters who took part in the photography course

Plea for info on armed robbery

Lancashire Constabulary want to speak to this man

POLICE have issued a belated appeal for information about an armed robbery at a pharmacy in Up Holland.

Officers have released CCTV images of what appears to be a man wearing a motorcycle helmet and dressed in dark clothing who entered Rowlands Pharmacy on Dingle Road at about 5pm on Monday, February 16.

The offender threatened staff with a large knife, demanding that they show him where the controlled drug safe was and that they hand over codeine and morphine.

The medicine was placed into a pharmacy carrier bag and handed over to the man who then fled the shop.

He is described as being at least 30 years of age and at least 6 ft tall with a stocky build. He spoke with a northern/Lancashire accent.

DC Michael Mason of Skelmersdale CID said: "I am urging anyone with information about the identity of the offender to get in touch with me as soon as possible.

"If anyone recognises the helmet in particular or has any other information relating to the incident please get in touch as any information you have may be vital to our investigation."

Anyone with information can contact DC Mason direct on 01695 566148 or via email at michael.mason@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

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Karen aims to serve up mini music festival in aid of MIND

Report by **Henry James**

THE landlady of a Skelmersdale pub is aiming to organise a mini music festival to raise money for the mental health charity, Mind.

Karen Brookes, of the Busy Bee in Tilcroft, who hopes to stage the event on Sunday, August 30 to concide with the Bank Holiday weekend, is appealing for local artists to give up 30 minutes of their time to perform for free.

And she hopes the event – which she has named Glastonbusy with Music in Mind – will also help to raise awareness of mental health issues.

Karen said: "Many people know someone who has, or who is suffering with mental illness. It is a condition which is often swept under the carpet.

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"We are also raising money for Mind, which is a fantastic charity which helps people with mental illness who would otherwise have no help.

"Mental illness is a silent killer as people with it often suffer in silence."

The festival will start at noon with a funfair for children, bouncy castle and stalls.

Bands which have already signed up to appear include The Shamones, a Skem band whose repertoire ranges from sounds of the 1970s to latest hits; Paul McCoy, who appeared on Stars in Their Eyes and performs Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong numbers; local band, Decree Absolute; Kokopellis; singer Peter Davies; and The Unspecials, a ska tribute band.

Karen added: "This is the first time the event has been held and all the bands are performing for free but we are looking for more singers and bands to come forward and donate 30 minutes of their time.

"I have spoken to those that I know but I am sure that there are plenty more out there. Anyone interested can call me on 07707 074 325."

Tickets for the event will go on sale next month at the Busy Bee pub and all money raised will go to Mind.

Landlady appeals for local bands to give their time for free for worthy cause

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Easter non–emergency healthcare options

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group have announced a range of non–emergency healthcare options available to West Lancs residents over the forthcoming Easter period, including pharmacies, walk–in centres, GP practices and online.

Pharmacies that will be open over Easter are as follows:

Good Friday, April 3:

Asda Pharmacy, Ingram, Skelmersdale, tel. 01695 567010 10am to 6pm

Boots, 3b Moor Street, Ormskirk, tel. 01695 578360 10am to 4pm

Boots, 20 The Concourse, Skelmersdale, tel. 01695 725339 10am to 4pm

Fishlocks Chemist, 60 Liverpool Road North, Burscough, tel. 01704 894391 11am to 4pm

Morrisons Pharmacy, Park Road/Aughton Street, Ormskirk, tel. 01695 573289 9am to 1pm and 2 to 6pm

Saturday, April 4

Pharmacies which normally open on Saturday will be open for their usual hours. Please contact your pharmacy for more details.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Boots, 3b Moor Street, Ormskirk, tel. 01695 578360 10am to 4pm

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Walk–in centres are open at the following times over Easter:

West Lancashire Health Centre, Ormskirk and District General Hospital, Wigan Road GP service 8am to 8pm throughout Easter. Minor injuries 8am to 10pm throughout Easter

Skelmersdale Walk–in Centre, Concourse Shopping Centre, 9am to 5.pm throughout Easter.

Mobile sight loss service comes to borough

A PIONEERING mobile sight loss information service for blind and partially sighted people is coming to Ormskirk and Skelmersdale.

Run by national charity Action for Blind People, it will open its doors to people interested in or affected by visual impairment.

Staffed by a friendly and knowledgeable team, the mobile unit carries the latest technology and gadgets to improve daily life, from vibrating bank note detectors to talking microwaves.

Robert Harris from Action for Blind People's Sight Loss Information Service said: "Everybody is welcome to come along to visit us."

The mobile unit will be situtated near to the clock tower in Ormskirk town centre's pedestrian area on Wednesday, April 8 from 10am to 4pm.

And on Thursday, April 9 it will be situated outside the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale, again from 10am to 4pm.

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‘Home is a health hazard!’

Dad says damp and mould have made council flat unfit for family

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN angry father says damp and mould problems at their council property are affecting his family’s health and he is calling for West Lancs to find them a new home as a matter of urgency.

Martyn Lewis described conditions at the flat in Waverely, Skelmersdale as “absolutely appalling” and said they had caused his fiancee Nikita McKenzie to come out in a painful rash, while the couple’s two–year–old son Jacob has suffered unexplained breathing difficulties and been prescribed two inhalers – even though doctors say he is not asthmatic.

The family moved into the two–bedroomed flat about 18 months ago but Martyn says the problems have got steadily worse over the last year or so with mould on every wall and behind nearly every piece of furniture.

And the 23–year–old, a customer adviser with BT, accused the borough council of not doing enough to fix the problem. He believes the damp and moulds spores are at the root of the family’s health problems and has called on the council to find them a new home as soon as possible.

He told the Champion: “Nikita is suffering from inflamed skin on her face, neck and hands, which doctors have been unable to pinpoint the cause of, and Jacob has unexplained breathing difficulties. He has been prescribed two different inhalers as he is often breathless – despite asthma being ruled out by his doctors.”

The flat is currently being ventilated by open windows and vents, dehumidifiers in the kitchen and bathroom, extractor fans which are kept on 24/7 and an air humidifier. However, Martyn says that to keep Jacob warm enough while the flat is well ventilated is causing his heating bills to soar.

He said: “The flat is absolutely appalling – it’s not fit for a two–year–old to be living in.

The mould under the wallaper in Martyn Lewis’s Waverley flat. Code1079281

“There have been damp problems for 12 months now. At first the council would come and do bleach washes – they have done about four – and I have washed the walls with bleach myself too.

“But the bad weather forced us to close the windows for a few weeks over the winter and now it is out of control. There is mould everywhere and it’s giving my partner – who has no allergies – rashes, while Jacob, who doesn’t have asthma, has to have two inhalers for breathlessness. He also suffers coughing fits that leave him exhausted.

“Our doctors have told us that damp air and mould spores can cause the symptoms we’re suffering.

“It’s not good enough, the council need to put us in a new flat, it’s disgusting and it’s making us ill.

“We spent a fortune decorating the flat and making it beautiful when we moved in but the damp wallpaper is peeling off the walls and there are dark marks on everything, including the beds now.

“To keep the flat warm but also really well–ventilated is sending our bills sky–high – my next gas bill will probably be around £500.

“Like any parent the most important person in the world to me is Jacob and the council needs to prioritise children’s welfare and make sure our family is moved to a safe, clean environment.

“Anything else is not good enough. We are at the end of our tether.”

A West Lancashire Borough Council spokesman said: “The council is aware of Mr Lewis’s complaints and has carried out inspections of this property to investigate the issues. A number of bleach washes have been carried out along with work to rectify a leak from the flat above.

“Our most recent inspection took place on March 4 and the council’s surveyor has again confirmed that the continued problems are a result of condensation.

“On a previous inspection advice was given regarding condensation control measures, including the use of trickle vents in the windows. But it was noted by our surveyor during the most recent visit that the vents were closed.

“New gas central heating has been installed at Mr Lewis’s home as part of our planned £65 million investment in our housing stock. The new heating system, in conjunction with the condensation control advice, should considerably improve the situation for Mr Lewis and his family.

“The family’s application for re–housing is now active, but bids for properties that he would like to apply for need to be made. No bids have yet been placed for alternative accommodation. There have been a number of properties advertised over the last week or so which would meet the requirements.”

Appeal for information ater suspected arson attack in Tanhouse

POLICE have launched an appeal for information following a suspected arson attack at a house in the Tanhouse area of Skemersdale.

Officers say the blaze at the empty terraced property in Egerton started at around 4.55am on Sunday, March 29.

It is believed that accelerant was poured in the upstairs rooms and landing area before being deliberately set alight.

Two men are suspected to have been involved.

Although the house was unoccupied at the time and the fire caused extensive damage.

DC Andy Doran of Skelmersdale CID said: “Fortunately the property was empty and no one was injured in the fire which we are treating as arson.

“I am keen to speak to anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area at the time and who could help us with our ongoing investigation.”

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Innovative scheme to reward volunteers set to be rolled out in borough

A GROUND–breaking scheme which offers fun and fitness in return for volunteering is coming to West Lancashire.

The scheme, run by Lancashire County Council in partnership with Spice Innovations, is called the Time Credits programme.

The programme works on a simple hour–for–hour basis – for every hour a person gives, they earn one printed Time Credit which can then be exchanged for an hour’s activity.

These activities could include anything from time at local leisure centres to football match tickets. Activities are provided by 50 local partners and more than 500 partners nationally.

A Time Credit pilot started in 2012 in Chorley is now run independently by Chorley Council. The full scheme will be rolled out to the rest of the county over the next three years and will be introduced in West Lancashire this year.

Initially, Time Credits will be offered to young people in schools who volunteer to help other pupils improve their emotional wellbeing.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire’s cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: “It’s brilliant that I can now announce this scheme being rolled out across Lancashire and that the first phase will be to introduce it in four areas including West Lancashire.

“The great thing about time credit schemes is that they attract people who have never volunteered before, or only occasionally or on a very small scale.

“They get a double benefit, because as well as gaining their time credits, research shows that their own wellbeing will improve as well as the people they’re supporting.

“The other great thing about this scheme is that it will help us to build on the strong network of voluntary organisations whose work is so vital in helping us support communities.

“It’s another way in which we can improve people’s health, particularly in disadvantaged communities across our county.”

An independent evaluation commissioned by Spice Innovations showed that 42% of people who volunteered in time credit schemes they had helped set up were either new to volunteering or had only given time occasionally in the past.

As well as the young people’s mentoring programme, Time Credits will be offered for two other schemes over the next year.

County Councillor Azhar Ali and County Councillor Dorothy Lord holding a large version of a Time Credit

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Just three weeks left to register to vote

WITH the countdown to the General Election and local elections on May 7 now beginning in earnest, West Lancs Council is once again urging local residents to make sure they are registered to vote before the deadline of Monday, April 20.

As a national advertising campaign is launched by the Electoral Commission to encourage voter registration, the local authority is encouraging people to register by visiting www.gov.uk/register–to–vote.

The council is also running a number of activities to encourage residents to register. These include sending letters to every home in West Lancashire with a list of who is registered to vote at that property. The letters also give details of how to register if someone's name is not on that list.

In addition, council staff have visited Edge Hill University and West Lancashire College to encourage students to register. Those who reach the age of 18 on or before Thursday, May 7 can vote in the elections, but must be on the register.

For more information on elections and registering to vote you can also visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/elections.

Gill Rowe, returning officer for West Lancashire, said: "Time is running short to make sure you can take part in the elections, so I'd encourage everyone in West Lancashire to take action now if they aren't registered to vote.

"Our message is simple – you can't vote if you aren't registered by April 20.

"It's easy to do and only takes a few minutes online at www.gov.uk/register–to–vote.

"If you're not sure whether you are on the register, please check."

Residents can check whether they're registered to vote by calling 01695 585014.

Recent research conducted by YouGov for the Electoral Commission found that: • 21% of people who rent privately think they're automatically registered to vote if they pay council tax; • 40% of those surveyed think it is not possible to register to vote online in England, Scotland and Wales; • 69% do not know the deadline to register to vote, with 13% thinking it is already too late to register.

Council responds to cemetery petition

WEST Lancs Council has responded to the petition presented to Parliament by Rosie Cooper calling on the government to urge them to provide burial and cremation services in the borough.

A council told the Champion: "Planning permission has been granted for the development of land at Pippin Street, Burscough for a cemetery and crematorium to meet the needs of West Lancashire. Discussions with the site owner have been positive and the council's understanding is that work will shortly commence on the implementation of the project.

"The council are, however, equally happy to engage in discussions with other organisations and landowners who would like to bring forward proposals for cemetery provision in the borough."

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Cat owner's appeal for information in bid to track down culprits who shot beloved pet

'Why would anyone shoot a defenceless animal?'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CONCERNED cat owner is appealing for information after discovering his beloved pet has been shot TWICE in separate attacks.

Colin Griffiths from Skelmersdale took his black–and–white cat, Jack, to the vets after noticing that he had a sore rear right paw.

The 52–year–old bus driver, who has asked us to withhold his full address for fear of further attacks, was appalled when he was told that Jack had an airgun pellet lodged in his paw.

And he was even more shocked when the vet revealed that his 18–month–old feline friend also had a fully–healed pellet wound in his other rear paw, apparently a legacy of an earlier shooting when he was just a kitten.

Now Colin fears a cat–hater might be targeting pets in the area and is appealing for any other owners whose cats may have been affected to get in touch.

Jack has been shot on two separate occasions

He told the Champion: "I have no idea why Jack has been targeted, he's just the sweetest cat. And he is really nervous around strangers and is most likely to run off if someone goes near him.

"I was appalled to hear from the vet that his paw was bleeding because he had been shot – and even more shocked to hear that it wasn't the first time!

"It has made me really angry. Why would anyone shoot a defenceless animal?

"The wound is on the underneath of his paw which you really only see when he is running or jumping off a fence, so I think someone has shot him when he was trying to run away which is awful.

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"I have reported it to Lancashire Constabulary but I am hoping to find out whoever is doing it and report them directly.

"Personally, I think it is a cat–hater who might have attacked him for going into their garden as Jack is so shy he doesn't go too far.

"If anyone has seen someone shooting at cats, please let me know so that they can be reported to the police."

Colin can be contacted by email at colingriffiths456@gmail.com.

Pupils do their bit for Comic Relief

Take it as Red! Youngsters at St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary dressed for the occasion to mark Red Nose Day.

THE combined efforts of two local primary schools raised more than £400 for Comic Relief.

At St James' Catholic Primary School in Ashurst Road the call went out to 'pull a funny face for Red Nose Day at assembly.

The whole school rallied around with all pupils from reception to Year 6, plus some parents and members of the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association joining in to raise £255.

Meanwhile, pupils at St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary, Up Holland, staged a sponsored bike ride to Southport – without leaving the confines of the school in Highgate Road!

Working as a team the youngsters took turns to clock up the equivalent of the 18–mile journey on an exercise bike and to date they have raised in excess of £150 with more to come.

Some of the children who took part in the Enterprise Day

Young entrepreneurs raise £250 for worthy cause

YOUNGSTERS at a local school put their budding entrepreneurial skills to work to raise more than £250 for a good cause.

The money was raised at the annual Enterprise Day at St James' Catholic Primary School in Ashurst Road which involves pupils of varying ages organising and running their own stalls.

The pupils decide what to sell – this year's stalls included nail–painting, guess the name of the teddy, beat the goalie and cakes – and how much to charge. And family and friends are then invited into school to buy the goods with proceeds going to the Good Shepherd Appeal run by the Nugent Care Society, a charitable organisation which offers a diverse range of support to adults and children throughout the North West.

Headteacher Dave Iliff commented: "The children always look forward to this annual event, they learn so many important skills, as well as making a valuable charitable contribution while enjoying themselves.

"Giving up an afternoon for this is worth every minute and the support from parents is fantastic. When all the money was counted up at the end of the day, £254 was raised for a worthy cause."

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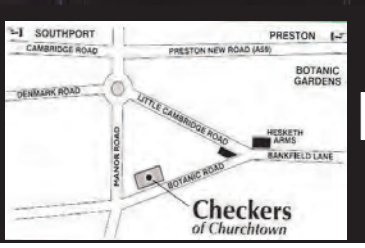

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Bid to cut cycling casualties on county's roads

£500,000 earmarked for improved safety at key junctions – including two in borough

LANCASHIRE County Council is to spend half a million pounds to cut cycling casualties around the county.

Improvement work will take place at 13 key junctions – including two in West Lancashire – in a bid to reduce the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured on the county's roads.

The new schemes include a range of different measures such as new pedestrian crossings, off–road cycle lanes, improved cycle lanes on roundabouts and improved road markings.

A complete partial off–road cycle facility costing nearly £16,000 will be installed at the A59 Northway/Winifred Lane roundabout in Aughton.

And more than £63,000 has been earmarked for work at the Exchange Island roundabout junction of Railway Road and Winstanley Road in Skelmersdale to include a segregated cycle facility or potential shared route for cyclists and pedestrians.

County Councillor Fillis

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "It's really important that we prioritise this work to make cycling a much safer option for people. We've looked at the locations where there have been a high number of incidents involving cyclists and we've developed plans to try to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future. We want to encourage cycling as it helps to reduce congestion and pollution and has many positive health benefits."

Design is expected to start on the schemes this month with public consultation in the autumn. Work on the ground is likely to take place next year.

The decision to prioritise these schemes followed a report to the county council's scrutiny committee last year, which stated that there was an increase in the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured – from 68 to 100 between 2012 and 2013. In particular, there was a substantial increase in the 26 to 64 year–old age group. This is in part due to the fact that the number of journeys by bike had increased substantially over this period.

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A TWO–day collection by members of the Tawd Vale Lions Club has proved a roaring success.

The eyecatching, brightly–dressed collectors were hard to miss at the Concourse in Skelmersdale and the public responded enabling them to raise a record £1,200 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care Daffodil Appeal.

Lions spokesman, Chris Lawn, said: "This is the fourth year that we have collected in the Concourse and although we are proud of what we have achieved, we must share that pride with the people from in and around Skelmersdale who make the generous donations that add up to this fantastic total.

"As well as sharing a few laughs with donors about our appearance we also shared many stories about family members and friends affected by cancer. This confirmed the essential need for Marie Curie's services to our community."

Marie Curie community fundraiser, Sarah Fletcher, added: "We would like to say a huge thanks to the Lions for helping us with our Daffodil Appeal collections. The money raised will pay for more than 60 hours of vital nursing care to terminally ill patients in their own homes. All the money raised goes towards nursing in the local area.

"We would also like to thank the management team from Skelmersdale Concourse Shopping Centre for allowing us to collect over the two days."

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Surely retaining ticket office at Burscough Bridge Interchange would be a benefit for all

RE: The Ormskirk Champion front page story, 'Burscough Bridge Interchange plan is just the ticket' (March 25) it appears that Lancashire County Council are now giving serious consideration to Councillor Cynthia Dereli's idea of relocating the library to the building to help with the financial possibility of retaining the ticket office.

I've also heard that there are a couple more parties interested in the possibility of using the building. It's just a pity that Lancashire County Council hadn't been able to find someone or organisation to use the extra space in the building before we got to this stage.

There has been talk around the village for the last few years of people showing an interest in renting the old cafe but struggling to get any sort of response from the council.

Anyhow, it's all about what happens next and can the general public carry on supporting the idea of finding a use for the rest of the building whilst retaining the ticket office.

Maybe the combined campaigning of everyone who has been involved has taken some of the county councillors a bit by surprise because, as we know, this all started from a proposal buried deep in a consultation document.

Questions

It seems that we have about a year to reverse the decision to shut the ticket office so maybe we need to carry on asking the questions of our politicians, especially for the next few weeks in the run–up to the election, though I must say that Rosie Cooper has been asking questions on my behalf, with a reply arriving the other day from Claire Perry, under–secretary of state at the Department of Transport who focuses on the re–letting of the Northern and TransPennine Express franchises and says "passengers will be at the heart of them".

I wonder if David Burrows the county council leader is now wishing he hadn't supported the possibility of shutting the ticket office at Burscough Bridge, especially now that a report has been produced that could see the Southport to Wigan line electrified by 2024?

Surely it would be better with a proactive ticket office staff as we have now so everybody – the travelling public, the train operator and the country's economy – benefits from increased train usage?

Colin Wareing,
Burscough

THANK goodness the Burscough Bridge interchange ticket office might be saved.

I would not be able to travel to see my grandchildren without the help of Phil and the other staff.

I know people that actually travel to Burscough ticket office specifically for help in organising travel details. Travelling long distances can be daunting for some people, especially pensioners like myself.

I will be so relieved if the Burscough interchange is kept open – add my name to the petition.

Mrs Margaret Burnett, by email

PICTURE of the week

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It was a happy shopping day for Waterloo grandmother Carol George after she won a three minute trolley dash around the Netto store in Ormskirk in a Champion competition. She filled her trolley with over £420 worth of items. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1079277.

Top engineer has all the answers to pollution risk fears of fracking 'nimbys'

TO the Luddites and 'nimbys', quoting so–called experts, readers of the Times may have noticed the reported comments of Rebecca Lynn, a leading engineer at the University of Strathclyde, recently named as one of ten outstanding women in Scotland.

She accuses the Scottish government of ignoring the advice of scientific institutions and its own working group by declaring a moratorium on fracking, despite evidence that, if properly regulated, it poses little environmental risk and quotes the 50 years of fracking in the US which, until recently, nobody noticed. Where water has been polluted it has been from poorly–regulated and unlined wells, and as to causing earthquakes, "it is not scientifically possible"!

She suggests that by delaying the introduction of fracking we risk future supplies and will have to rely on importing fracked gas fom possibly volatile areas and unfriendly governments.

One thing would seem certain, Rebecca Lynn is arguing for her country and not her property.

**Ed Dickinson,
Ormskirk**

My son was prevented from entering job centre by a 'security guard'

I AM writing with regard to the article you published last week (March 25) regarding DWP using security guards at Skelmersdale Job Centre.

My 19–year–old son is currently a student at West Lancs College and is trying to find part–time work. Two weeks ago he went to the job centre at Whelmar House to see if he could find work and ring an agency number he had spotted on the government jobsite.

He was stopped before he even got through the doors by what he described as a security guard. The guard asked him what he wanted and he said to find a job and ring about an agency job.

The security guard said 'no, you can't come in, we have no phones'.

I found this totally disgusting that a young lad who wants work and is trying was turned away before he could even step inside and look for work.

M. N., by email

Are two schemes good news for Skelmersdale?

REGARDING the news of St Modwen's successful application for development, is this really good news for Skelmersdale?

Yes, as it has finally been noticed that we need improvement for the town, and no, as the Concourse have had the same plans approved too and have started work on the centre!

Why accept the Concourse's plans for cinema and restaurant facilities and then agree that we need another cinema, restaurants and more shops right next to them?

Looking at the plans for St Modwen, this is not a 'high street' as promised, but a retail park, attracting the SAME shops (as quoted in plans) as those we already have in the Concourse.

If new/different shops were going to this 'retail park' then maybe there would be need for more retail facilities. However, if they are the same shops then why bother?

Will this be another waste of time, with the same story as everywhere else, having empty units after 12/18 months? When you look at the Concourse, Skelmersdale struggles to attract big–name shops.

On a positive note, let's hope these plans by St Modwen and the Concourse work hand–in–hand, as what would be gained if people's livelihoods are put into jeopardy and hundreds lost their jobs and businesses at the Concourse.

P. Davies, by email

St Modwen plan looks more like a retail park

REGARDING the news in the Skelmersdale Champion (March 25) is it me or does the new town centre regeneration scheme put forward by St Modwen and depicted by an artist's impression in the columns of your newspaper look more like a retail park than a conventional town centre?

It's the type of layout that can be seen at Aintree Racecourse Retail Park, Liverpool or Robin Retail Park, Wigan and many other such sites across the country.

Yes, the layout shown does have its benefits – seemingly with the motorist in mind – but I am not so sure the same benefits apply for we common or garden pedestrians.

As for the structures themselves, they look more like factories and warehouse depots than shopping and leisure facilities and, more to the point, are ugly, box–like monstrosities.

I suppose we in Skelmersdale should be grateful for whatever we are given, but if HRH The Prince of Wales saw these plans I am sure he would repeat his condemnation of the extension to the National Gallery in London by calling these proposals a monstrous carbuncle.

Bill Clarke, by email

'Monstrous' hub!

RE: The proposed new town centre 'hub' (Champion, March 25) whilst wholeheartedly agreeing that the bus station is not beautiful and redevelopment would be progress, surely to replace it with what would appear to be two monstrous cabins, balanced on some kind of oversizedbuilding block is in no way in keeping with the scale or spirit of Ormskirk?

Surely something more visually appealing could be designed?

Why not have a competition to design a scheme and let West Lancashire residents vote for the winner?

Christine Williams, Burscough

More new recruits sign up for Dementia Friends

Volunteers at the latest Dementia Friends training session

MORE West Lancashire recruits have joined the Alzheimer's Society's national Dementia Friends campaign.

Dementia Friends was launched this year to help members of the public learn about what it's like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action.

The Alzheimer's Society is aiming to have two million Dementia Friends by 2016, to help make England more dementia friendly and improve the lives of the 670,000 people currently living with the condition.

Staff from the Brookside Living housing development, Mere Brook daytime support service for people with dementia and Brooke's Bistro in Ormskirk joined staff and customers from Asda in Skelmersdale for a Dementia Friends training day held by local Dementia Champion Joe Sherville at the superstore and at Brookside.

Joe said: "I was so pleased to see people showing their support for people with dementia by coming along to the session and becoming Dementia Friends. We need to create more communities and businesses that are dementia friendly so that people affected by dementia feel understood and included."

Emma Cornmell, Dementia Friends regional support officer at the Alzheimer's Society, said: "Whether you attend a face–to–face session or watch the online video, Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about the Dementia Friends programme to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts."

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County council chairman praises new £2m Youth Zone

Report by **Henry James**

THE chairman of Lancashire County Council, Kevin Ellard, has hailed the new £2m West Lancashire Youth Zone as "an important base for providing early support for vulnerable young people."

Based on Southway in Skelmersdale town centre, the new facility will be run by the county council's Young People's Service.

Speaking at the official opening of the youth zone, Mr Ellard said: "It really is great to see the plans for Lancashire's youth zones becoming a reality. I have watched with pride as young people, officers and politicians have worked together to develop this new way of providing modern services and facilities.

"I'd personally like to thank everyone involved in getting this new youth zone finished for their hard work and determination.

"This youth zone here in Skelmersdale is superb. As well as offering positive activities, the youth zones will also be an important base for providing early support for vulnerable young people."

West Lancashire's member of the UK Youth Parliament, 16–year–old Saffron Ryan, said: "I've chatted with the other young people who attend the youth council about this and there's no doubt we're all very excited about our new youth zone.

Guests, including LCC chairman Cllr. Kevin Ellard (centre left) at the official opening of The Youth Zone.

"We have been closely involved from the start in the design. The zone will be very different from Point 6, our original youth centre. It will bring new opportunities for young people from across West Lancashire. It will offer loads of facilities which will meet our needs as young people. We're confident it will attract people who haven't used a service like this before.

"The youth zone will be open to people from the age of 12 to 19, and up to 25 for people with additional needs. People who attend the centre will also be able to get involved in having a say in how the centre and groups are run."

The £2m funding for the youth zone was agreed in September 2012 and the county council has worked with young people and people from partner organisations to develop the proposals.

Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'd like to thank everyone involved for their enthusiasm and commitment. This is a superb new facility and I'm sure it will be incredibly popular and successful."

Author's visit is highlight of World Book Day

Author Damian Harvey pictured during his visit to Bishop Martin Primary School

PUPILS at Bishop Martin CE Primary School enjoyed a wide range of fun events as part of World Book Day, including a visit by children's author, Damian Harvey.

Damian, who has written around 40 publications, including picture books, early readers and educational books, worked with every class in a range of fun activities which inspired them all to write their own books.

The children also had opportunities to browse and buy books in the annual book fair.

Miss Harvey, assistant headteacher at the school in Birkrig, said: "At Bishop Martin our motto is 'Inspire, Enjoy, Achieve' and we do everything we can to inspire our children to be the best they can be. We want them to enjoy what they do and reach for the stars."

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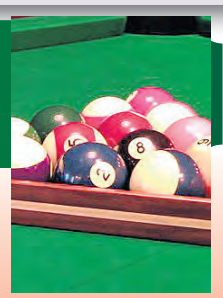

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Their successful bid under a consortium called Lancashire Community Transport, which includes West Lancashire Dial–A–Ride, guarantees funding for dial–a–ride bus services and community car schemes until April 2018. These will be provided alongside the existing Travelcare services run by Lancashire County Council's in–house operator.

County Councillor John Fillis, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Community transport provides a lifeline for many people to go to the doctors, shopping or meet up with family and friends. It's targeted particularly at older and disabled people.

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County council to bring in permit system for building waste disposal

PEOPLE who want to dispose of construction and demolition waste for free at Lancashire County Council's recycling centres from June are being reminded they need to apply for a permit.

The council is bringing in a permit system to limit how much construction and demolition waste people can dispose of for free at household waste recycling centres, with charges being applied for any extra. Residents can apply for a permit now to be ready for the new system which begins on June 1.

The council needs to save £315m by April 2018 as a result of central government funding cuts, at the same time as costs and demand for services continue to rise. The new policy will help to reduce the estimated £750,000 annual cost of dealing with 'inert' waste such as soil, rubble, ceramics such as toilets and sinks, and plasterboard.

Residents can apply for a free permit allowing them to dispose of up to 10 25kg bags of construction and demolition a year without charge. A charge of £3.50 per 25kg bag or equivalent item will be applied for any further waste, or for any waste delivered without a permit.

Permits are valid for a calendar year, or until the free allowance has been used.

County Councillor Janice Hanson, Lancashire's cabinet member for public protection and waste, said: "Our household waste recycling centres are primarily for people to recycle and dispose of normal household waste free of charge, which is a statutory duty for all waste disposal authorities.

"However, our current service also allows unlimited free disposal of wastes which include rubble, soil and plasterboard, amongst others, which isn't a statutory duty. This is proving very expensive for the council to deal with and unfortunately something we can't continue to do in the present financial climate.

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Artist's debut show will boost charity

Andrew Johnson with one of his works.

GRAPHIC designer turned artist Andrew Johnson is holding his début exhibition in Ormskirk this month with part of the proceeds from any sales going to charity.

The 41–year–old previously designed computer games for children with special educational needs before deciding to forge a new career as an artist.

Now his exhibition of seascapes, landscapes and animation/cartoon pieces is to be held at The Villa coffee shop on Southport Road every Sunday in April starting this Sunday, April 5.

And Andrew will be donating 20% of sales of his artwork to the Angel Starfish Project which helps children in Africa by providing human resources, buildings and facilities and advice and information services. He said: "My cousin, Elaine Maloney, is one of the founders of the project so I decided to donate 20% of my sales to the charity."

Singers wanted for Good Friday service

EUNICE Woof MBE is calling on singers to perform at a service at Christ Church in Aughton on Good Friday, April 3.

The singing coach and music tutor is holding a performance of John Stainer's Crucifixion and singers of all ages and abilities are welcome.

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Health chiefs hope TV plot will help shed light on male mental illness

HEALTH chiefs in the borough believe an ongoing storyline in one of the country's most popular TV programmes could help local men to focus on mental health issues.

The NHS in West Lancashire hopes that the Coronation Street storyline of character Steve McDonald coming to terms with depression – the most common mental health disorder in the UK – will make men consider their own concerns.

In the soap, Steve struggles to accept that depression can happen to someone like him.

Every year in the UK over 4,500 men kill themselves. Suicide is now the single biggest cause of death in men aged 20 to 49 in England and Wales, with men accounting for 78 per cent of all suicides in the UK while female suicide rates are declining.

Generally, men don't always feel comfortable talking about their mental health concerns due to the stigma associated with it, which means illnesses like depression and anxiety can go undetected and untreated.

Actor Simon Gregson whose TV character is suffering from depression

Depression affects how you think and feel about yourself but, like a physical illness, depression can be managed with treatment. Signs and symptoms can include all or some of the following:

- Lack of interest in work, hobbies and doing things you normally enjoy
- Low energy levels and lack of motivation
- Trouble sleeping
- Sleeping too much
- Lack of concentration
- Increased anxiety
- Anger or irritability

Anxiety is one of the most common mental health conditions in the UK. Stress and feelings of anxiety are to be expected in stressful situations, the feeling normally goes away after that situation has passed. With an anxiety disorder, these feelings don't go away. Signs and symptoms include hot and cold flushes; racing heart; tightening of the chest; and compulsive behaviour

Dr John Caine, chair of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group said: "Men are often less likely to talk about their wellbeing – psychological or physical – thinking there is a stigma of appearing week or vulnerable. We want men to feel confident enough to talk openly about any concerns they have about their mental health so they're not suffering in silence."

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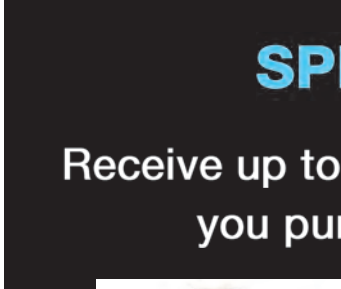

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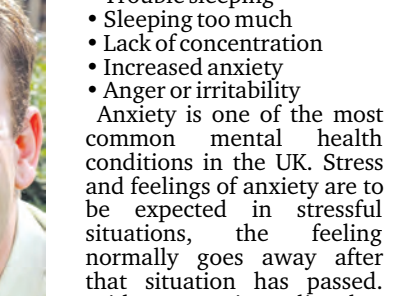

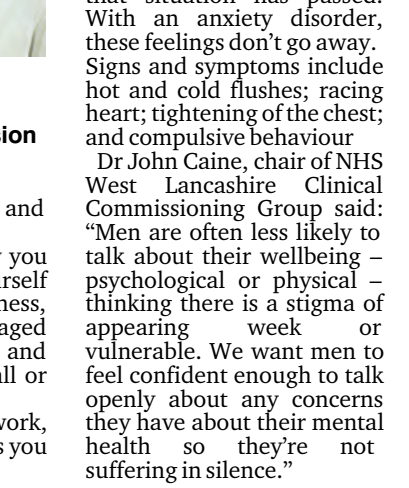

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PASSENGERS and the public can now request information directly from the authority which runs Britain's rail infrastructure for the first time.

Justice Minister Simon Hughes welcomed the move to bring Network Rail under the Freedom of Information Act as increasing transparency for taxpayers and passengers alike.

He said: "I am delighted Network Rail is now covered by FOI. I know that passengers will benefit from this change.

"Network Rail should be accountable to those who rely on it, so if things do not run smoothly passengers have the chance to ask questions of those in charge."

Network Rail maintains more than 20,000 miles of track in Britain and was re–classified as a public sector body in September last year and will now be subject to FOI in relation to its public functions.

Under the new rules people will be able to ask Network Rail for information about some of the UK's busiest and biggest stations, as well as the impact of engineering work across the country.

Winning ways...

THE lucky winners of the Champion's competition to win a pair of tickets to see Anything Goes at the Liverpool Empire were Angela Willis, of Thornton, Liverpool, Bob Ryan from Southport, Lindsey Billinge from Bootle, Don Satterthwaite from Bootle and Jane Robinson from Maghull.

And the winner of our Cinderella competition to win merchandise worth £100 and a family ticket to see the film at Odeon Switch Island, was Michelle Rooney from Maghull.

Military vehicle cavalcade set to roll into village again

THE popular Heaton's Bridge Military Weekend returns this month.

South Cumbria and North Lancashire Military Vehicle Trust group members and friends are hosting the free, family–friendly, open rally at the Heaton's Bridge Inn, Scarisbrick on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19l.

Held several times a year, the weekend–long events feature military vehicles from all eras from World War Two onwards.

Vehicles on show will include a Mighty Antar Tank transporter/trailer and Abbot self–propelled gun, Howitzer field gun, Foden Gun crew–bus, Landrovers, Jeeps, four–tonne trucks and armoured personnel carriers.

Group member Paul Connolly said: "There will also be a 25–pounder field gun rig belonging to Frank and Angie Brown, our secretary, comprising a Morris Quad tractor unit, which tows an ammunition limber behind, and the field gun itself behind that. They will demonstrate firing drills using primer caps.

Members of the South Cumbria and North Lancs Military Vehicle Trust at the last rally in October Code1073398

"The inn is located on the canal at Heatons Bridge and the grounds still retain the World War Two freestanding brick pillbox which formed part of the Home Guard defence provisions. Anyone with a military vehicle of their own would be welcome to join us over the weekend, even if they are not members of the Miltary Vehicle Trust."

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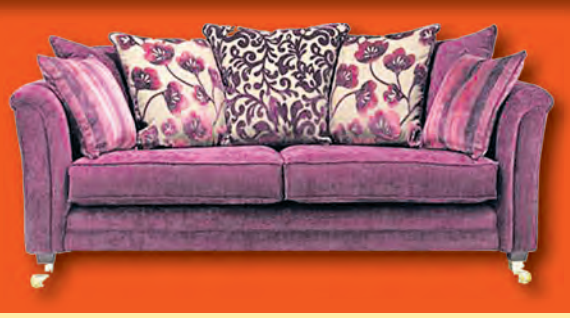

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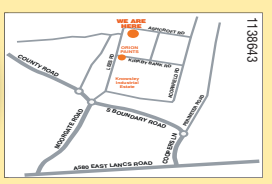

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Cheque joy for Breathe Easy Group

THERE was a pleasant surprise for members of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group at their March meeting when they were presented with a cheque for £500 by Hazel Lawrenson, president of Ormskirk Rotary Club.

The generous donation was much appreciated and will be put to good use to help respiratory patients in the area.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Chris McManus, one of the team of three respiratory consultants looking after patients at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals.

The meeting was well attended and Chris proved a popular and entertaining speaker, answering members' questions for a full hour.

He explained that there had been a 30% increase in A&E admissions over the winter throughout the country and said Southport and Ormskirk hospitals were no exception.

He also spoke of valuable research being done on respiratory diseases such as pulmonary fibrosis. And he offered interesting insights into the complexity of respiratory diseases, including lung cancer, and added that some new drugs, while not being a 'cure' as such, can raise the survival rate for some types of cancer of the lung, so therapy must always be targeted to the particular patient.

However, he deeply regretted that lung cancer remained a 'poor relation' in terms of attracting fewer research funds and publicity than many other forms of the disease.

Hazel Lawrenson, president of Ormskirk Rotary Club, presents a cheque for £500 to Harry Thacker chairman of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group

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MP backs change in law on pets killed on road

ROSIE Cooper has pledged support for a campaign to ensure that owners are notified if their pets are killed on the road.

She spoke out in parliament in support of Harvey's Law, which aims to reinstate the requirement for the Highways Agency and its contractors to identify and record domestic animals killed on the road network.

Transport minister John Hayes has now said that pets killed on roads will have to be collected, identified and their owners notified by the Highways Agency.

The campaign followed the case of a dog called Harvey whose owners spent three months searching for him only to discover he had been killed on the M62 just 20 minutes after going missing. Although Henry's body had been found it had not been scanned for a micropchip.

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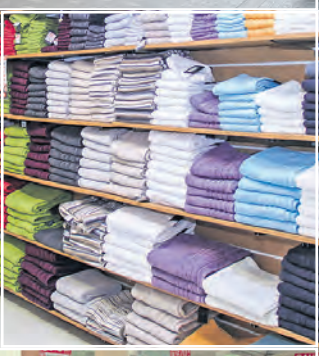

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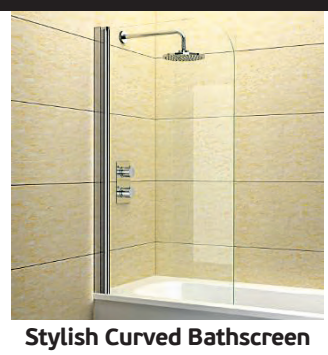

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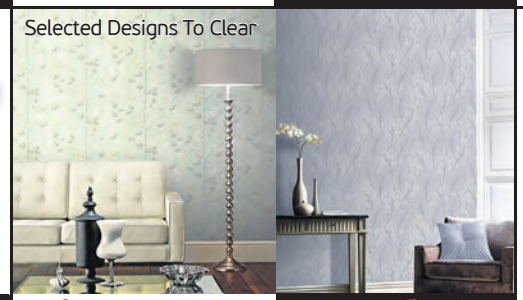

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Champ reader can take the wheel of an Aston Martin, Ferrari and Lamborghini to celebrate release of Fast & Furious 7 at Odeon Switch Island

FAST & Furious 7 is on the way and to celebrate the movie's release the Champion has teamed up with Odeon Switch Island to give Champ readers the chance to win a fantastic prize of a 'Super Car Thrill Experience'* plus tickets to see the film.

Continuing the global exploits in the unstoppable franchise built on speed, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson lead the returning cast of Fast & Furious 7.

James Wan directs this chapter of the hugely successful series that also welcomes back favourites Michelle Rodriguez, Jordana Brewster, Tyrese Gibson, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Elsa Pataky and Lucas Black.

Fast & Furious 7 is released on Friday, April 3 at ODEON Switch Island.

With the need for speed in mind, the Super Car Thrill Experience will involve a thrilling ride in an Aston Martin, Ferrari and Lamborghini – three of the most famous, iconic and most sought after car brand names in the world.

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To win this fabulous prize plus two tickets to see Fast & Furious 7 at Odeon Switch Island, simply answer the following question.

Q. Who directs Fast & Furious 7?

Answers by email only to ollie.cowan@champnews.com

Entries to reach us by Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Winner will be the sender of the first correct entry chosen at random after the closing date. Usual Champion competition rules apply. Editor's decision final.

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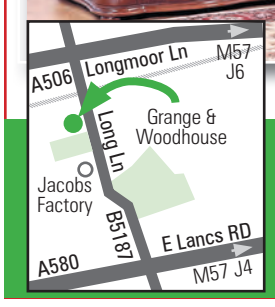

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Cooper votes for plain packaging on tobacco products

ROSIE Cooper has voted to introduce standard packaging on tobacco products and cigarettes.

MPs voted 367 to 113 in favour of the proposal.

Ms Cooper said: "I have long believed that standardised packaging should be introduced. Experts say it will make children less likely to take up smoking and therefore ultimately save lives.

"Standardised packaging is also supported by health campaigners, the chief medical officer and the government's own reviews. I know from the large number of letters and e–mails I have received that there is also strong public support for this.

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Political correctness has muzzled debate in UK

I WAS really heartened recently when no lesser man than former equalities 'tsar' Trevor Phillips admitted he had been wrong to espouse multiculturalism.

As former chairman of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, Trevor Phillips, himself a black former politician, thought it was the way forward.

Instead he now agrees that communities have become more insular and that great harm has been done to race relations.

He also now says the culture of political correctness has effectively muzzled debate because people are terrified of being accused of racism.

To my mind, people of all colours and races should be treated the same and anybody wishing to live in this country should learn to speak and read English.

Just try emigrating to France and stoically refusing to learn French and see how far you get!

Trouble is, Trevor Phillips may have realised his mistake – but I am very much afraid it is already too late to undo the damage done. In this case, a whole industry has been attracted to the idea of multiculturalism and have dragged bodies such as the BBC and, to an extent, the police, with them.

And I am afraid it is not only in the case of race relations and immigration that we have lost control of our borders, metaphorically speaking.

Everywhere you turn you can see important changes taking place in our living environment, changes about which we, the general public, are rarely properly consulted.

Just look at the proliferation of 20mph speed limits.

Their original purpose, to slow traffic in specific, quite small, areas (particularly schools) was patently good.

But only a year ago that is where you'd find them.

Everybody, including me, welcomed the 20mph limits in their original form.

But did anyone ask you if you wanted blanket bans on ordinary roads (or quiet residential cul–de–sacs) where I would defy any driver to go any faster?

The outcome has almost always been led by quite small unaccountable pressure groups, always, of course, with our best interests at heart.

It seems to me that we are heading rapidly for an Orwellian kind of society (and he was less than three decades out when he wrote '1984') where anything that isn't compulsory is banned and anything not banned is compulsory.

Also we are too often complicit in this process.

Politicians decided again 'for our own good' to have cigarettes hidden away behind shutters so shop assistants can play a kind of parlour game trying to find if they do indeed sell 'x' – and it they do, where are they?

What fun we'll have if they every extend that one to cover alcohol too.

"What kind of booze ave you got mate?"

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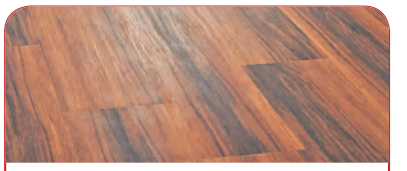

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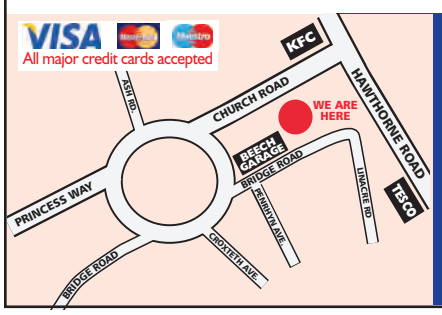

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Figures to December 2014 showed that 24% of the county's schools were outstanding, and 62% were good, compared to 20% and 61% respectively for England as a whole.

The figure for 'requires improvement' (the former 'satisfactory' category) is 5% lower than the rest of the country at 12%, while just 2% are judged 'inadequate' matching the figures for England as a whole.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the county's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "It's very gratifying indeed to see that the latest statistics from the DfE back up what we already know – that the quality of schools in Lancashire compares favourably with the rest of the country.

"To have four per cent more 'outstanding' schools than the England average is no mean achievement, as outstanding ratings certainly aren't given lightly. These figures clearly demonstrate the high quality of their staff and the commitment of pupils and families.

"The vast majority of schools choose to receive their support and advisory services from the county council and I think their continued success is a tribute to the hard work and expertise of our officers. Such is their reputation that we even have schools from outside Lancashire who are buying in our school improvement services."

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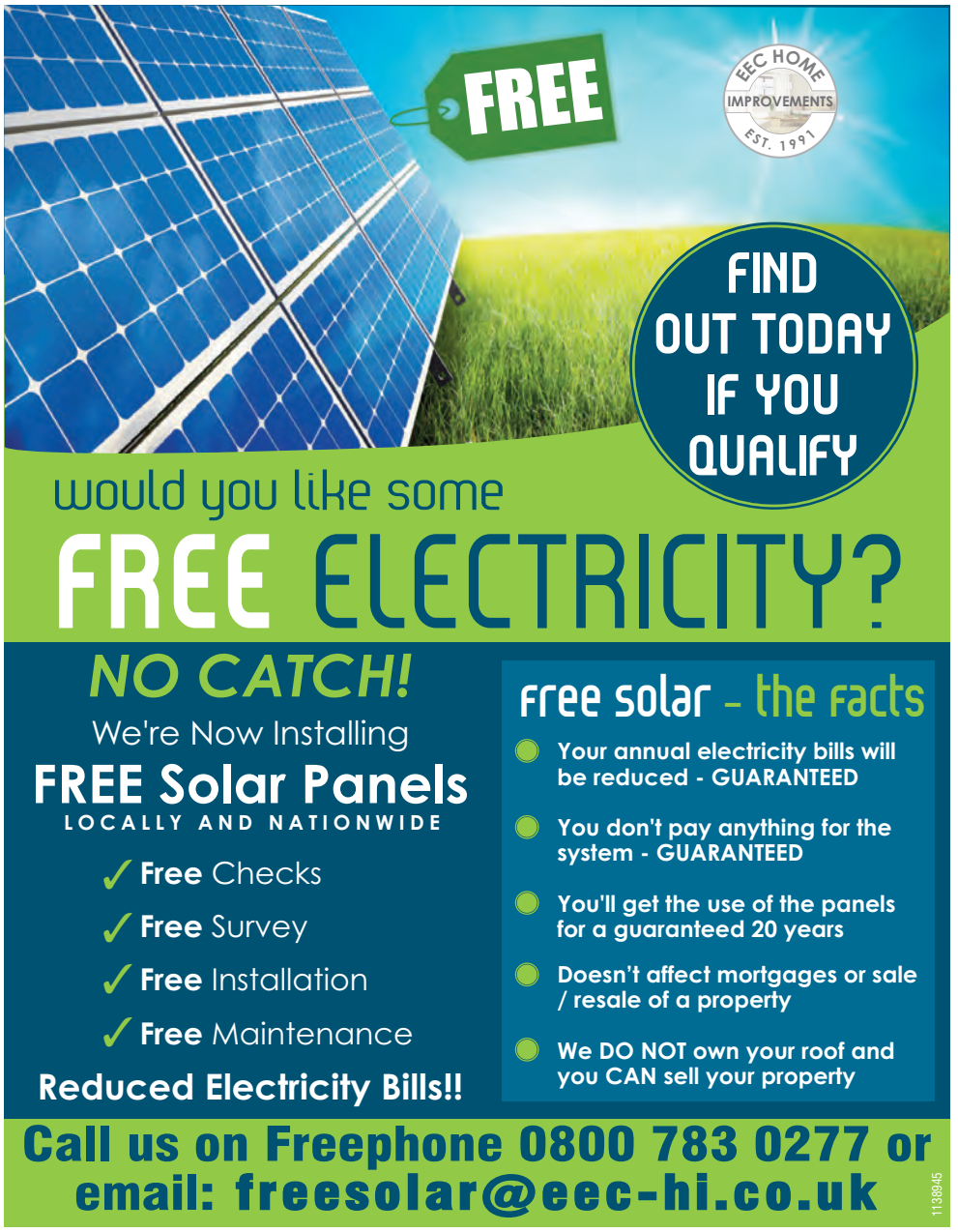
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Hospital staff help develop national Care Certificate

Report by **Neil Athey**

HOSPITAL staff in Southport and Ormskirk have helped develop the national Care Certificate to support the training of healthcare assistants and support workers.

The Care Certificate meets concerns raised in the Cavendish Review that followed the inquiry into the quality of care at the former Mid–Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust.

The review found formal support and education for healthcare assistants and social care support workers was inconsistent. A common national qualification was needed to assure the public that all those who provide care achieved a minimum standard of training.

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust was one of 13 health and social care organisations asked to pilot and report on the effectiveness of a care certificate to NHS England.

Nicky Williams, assistant matron nurse education and training, said: "Healthcare assistants found working towards the Care Certificate hugely useful, not least because it underpins our values as a supportive and caring organisation.

"The certificate developed their confidence and improved job satisfaction. They also felt better supported, learning more about what good practice looks like and gaining the confidence to challenge poor practice if they saw it."

From April 1 every healthcare support worker new to the NHS will need to pass the Care Certificate. The trust is also considering incorporating the certificate into training for other health care support workers.

Nicky said: "The care porters give can be overlooked in a clinical environment like a hospital but they play an important role in comforting and putting patients at their ease. We wanted them and our patients to benefit from the Care Certificate, and a small group of porters and domestic staff took part in the pilot. Those who did said it made them feel more valued as part of a team and helped everyone understand people's different roles.

"I am proud of the NHS and Southport and Ormskirk trust, and the staff I have worked with while piloting the Care Certificate who are a credit to themselves, the organisation and the teams they work in. Their enthusiasm, commitment and desire to make a difference is something to be celebrated."

Jonathan Parry, chief executive of the trust, said: "Caring is everyone's business in our trust. Whether you are a porter, a nurse or a member of the domestic team, thanks to the Care Certificate they will be empowered to play their part fully in making sure patients are safe and properly cared for."

Nicky Williams (left) and Carol Fowler, matron performance and standards, with some of the staff who took part in the Care Certificate pilot

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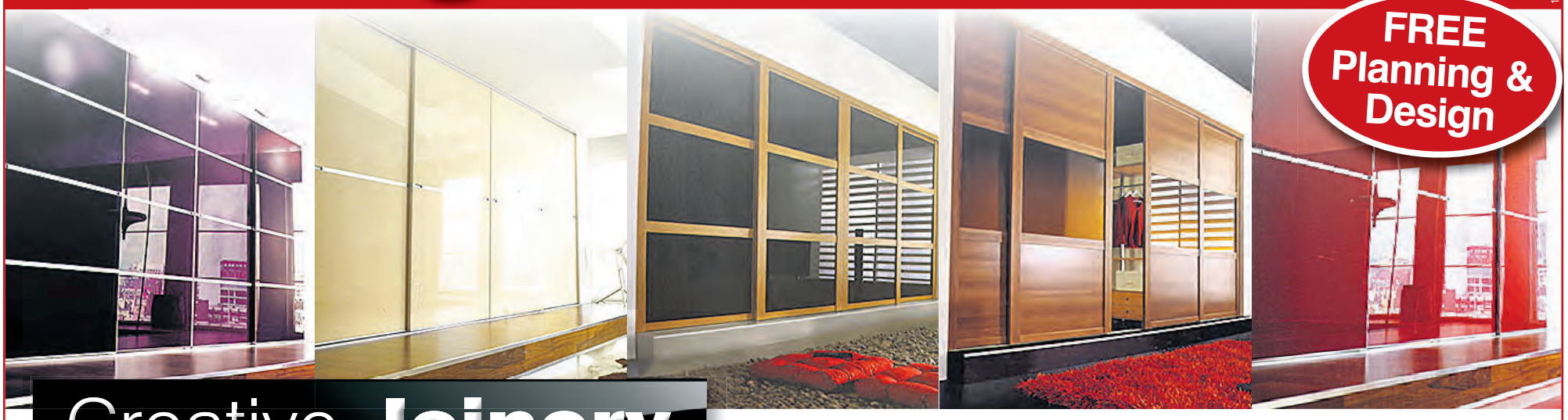

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Research funding boost for Edge Hill

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The funding allocation – increased by 335% since the last such exercise in 2008 – is based on outstanding performance in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 and comes in the wake of the Ormskirk university being named both University of the Year' 2014–15 and Best University Workplace by Times Higher Education.

Professor George Talbot, pro vice–chancellor of research at Edge Hill, said: "We are especially pleased to have recorded four–star impact case studies in education, health, media, history and sport considering we are a 'young' university with a short history of research activity in many of our disciplines.

"This funding is a way–stage in our 10–year strategy which I am very confident will deliver a five–fold increase in successful PhD completions by REF 2020.

"It will also create stronger scores for the three categories (outputs, impact and environment) and a greater intensity of performance."

City culture festival partnership renewed

EDGE Hill has renewed its partnership for a third year with Liverpool Sound City, a three–day festival of live music and arts which seeks to reinforce Liverpool as the UK's cultural capital.

The university has been named as the industry connection partner for the 2015 festival and conference, building on the success of an existing two–year partnership.

Edge Hill will become this year's official sponsor of the industry marketplace at the conference, as well as hosting a showcase of acts from its own record label, The Label Recordings.

Award–winning student dance company EdgeFWD will première a new piece and 60 students will be taking part in real life work–based activities at the festival.

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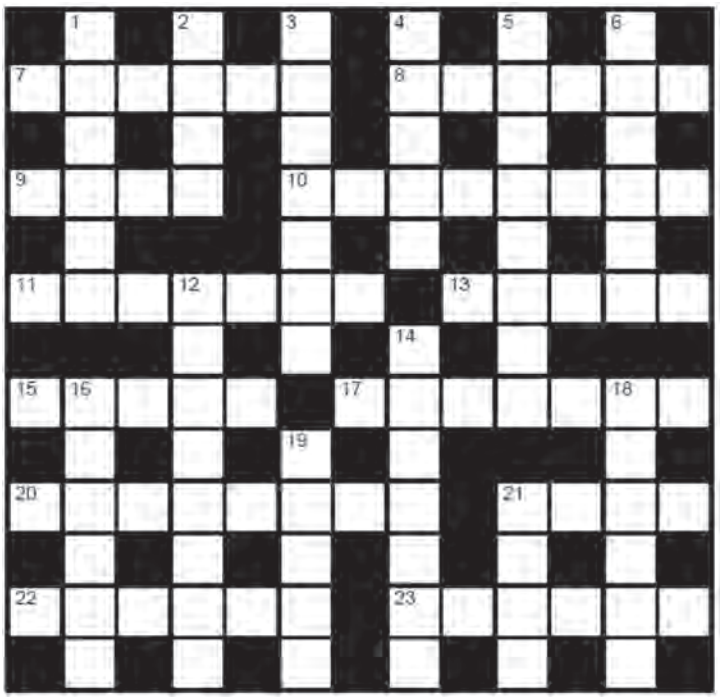

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Across: 7 Way out. 8 Orator. 9 Mars. 10 Transfix. 11 Isobars. 13 Train. 15 Fried. 16 Bandbox. 18 Pickings. 19 Cuff. 21 Earner. 22 Cinema.
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7 An outcast (6)
8 Coloured wax or chalk stick for drawing (6)
9 Eat dinner (4)
10 Passage for surplus water from a dam (8)
11 Dishonourable (7)
13 Pale pinkish-violet colour (5)
15 Worn and shabby (5)
17 Disaster, calamity (7)
20 Omnipotent (8)
21 Small seabird with forked tail (4)
22 Infectious disease characterized by a purple rash, headaches and fever (6)
23 Small wave (6)

DOWN

1 Bold, adventurous (6)
2 Go up (4)
3 Frightful, horrible (7)
4 Pungent (5)
5 Ornamental work in a vault or ceiling (8)
6 Composition for one or more solo instruments (6)
12 Wholly and completely (8)
14 Tangy French or Swiss cheese (7)
16 Reduces, eases (6)
18 In a threatening or ominous way (6)
19 Stage in a process (5)
21 Kind, sort (4)

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Carlos Ferra, founder of Diving for Fun, said: "The finalists were separated into three categories – primary schools, high schools, and members of Diving 4 Fun with nine gold, silver and bronze medallists in each."

Some of the young divers with their medals

Hospital environment assessments

HEALTHWATCH Lancashire staff and volunteers are currently participating in assessments of the environments for NHS hospitals throughout Lancashire.

They say good environments matter and every NHS patient should be cared for with compassion and dignity in a clean, safe environment.

Patient–led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) identify how the environment or services might be enhanced from the perspective of patients. Healthwatch Lancashire volunteers take part to represent the public voice.

Volunteers, staff and directors will be taking part in PLACE assessments across the county over the coming weeks as part of teams assessing how the environment supports patients' privacy and dignity, food, cleanliness and general building maintenance.

The focus is entirely on the care environment and does not cover clinical care provision or how well staff are doing their job.

Gill Brown, Healthwatch Lancashire chief executive, said: "PLACE assessments provide a valuable insight into how environments can be improved from the patient's point–of–view.

"It is important that the feedback received during the assessment is not only listened to but that any recommendations for improvement are acted upon to ensure that patients are cared for in a clean and safe environment."

Healthwatch Lancashire has recruited a team of volunteers who help to represent the public voice for health and social care in Lancashire and many take part in these assessments.

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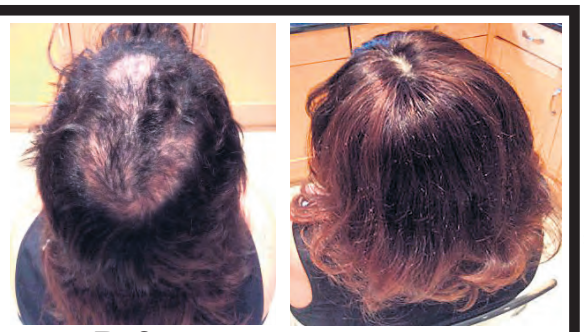
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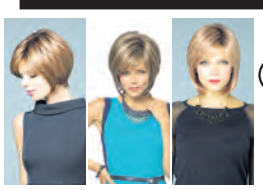
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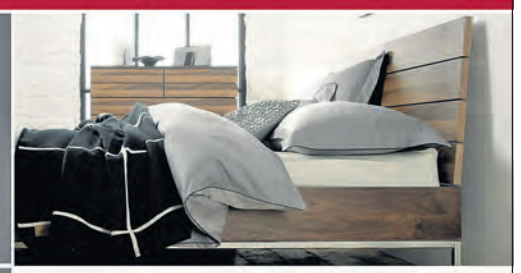
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The fabulous motoring extravaganza – which has become one of the North–West's biggest free family events – is due to take place on Sunday, August 30.

If you have a vintage, classic, competition or exciting car or motorcycle that you would like to display at the event then log on to www.ormskirkmotorfest.com and complete the online entry form.

In 2014 an estimated 25,000 people enjoyed a fabulous day out at the MotorFest as more than 300 cars and motorcycles from all eras of motoring lined up on Moor Street, Aughton Street and in Coronation Park in Ormskirk town centre.

Particularly popular with visitors were the two Formula 1 cars on display, a 1978 Williams car and a classic BRM which was raced by Graham Hill the two times world champion.

And the MotorFest Autosolo Challenge, which saw professional drivers testing their skills over a specially–designed course, also attracted a lot of attention.

MotorFest is organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancs Council and plans are already being drawn up to make this year's event better than ever.

Councillor David Griffiths, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for town and village centres, said: "The Ormskirk MotorFest has become one of the highlights of the year as thousands of people come from all over the North West to enjoy this fantastic spectacle. I am sure Ormskirk MotorFest 2015 will be even more successful than previous years and we hope you will all join us for what will be another fantastic day out for all the family."

Councillor David Griffiths

Meanwhile, organisers are looking to recruit sponsors for the event. Anyone interested can contact Colin Brady on 01695 585125, or contact Mike Ashcroft at email mja@aintree.org.uk or tel 01744 746706 or 07821 230 961.

The success of last year's MotorFest helped the Aintree club be chosen as joint winners of the Motorsport Industry Association's National Motorsport Week Award for Best Club. This year the club will be marking the 60th anniversary of the first British Grand Prix held at the Aintree Circuit.

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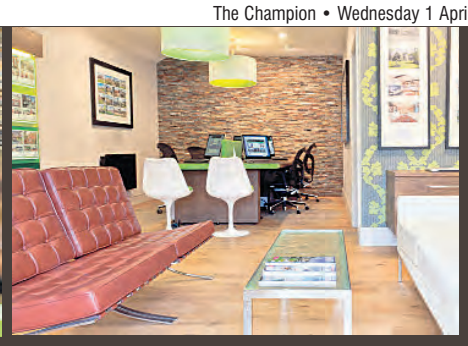

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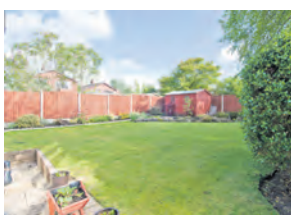

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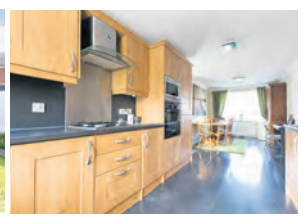

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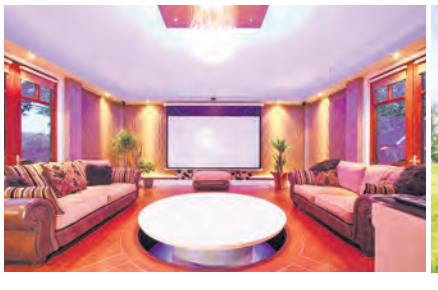

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What's On this Easter?

Days Out

Many people enjoy great days out at Easter. With four days off for most, and spring like weather (with a bit of luck), it is a great opportunity to spend some time together. Our region has some fab outings to offer for the whole family from working farms to nature reserves and play centres if the rain has decided to show its face.

Always have some wellingtons ready in the back of the car and if you work on a budget make sure you take a picnic with you. Kids love alfresco eating and it needn't cost much. Plan your days ahead so you can get up early and go. A look at the weather forecast a few days ahead will help make the right decisions with a minimum of disappointment.

Easter Egg Hunt

Little ones (and adults as well) love nothing more than looking for their chocolate fix on Easter morning. Make the fun last by providing lots of eggs (size does not matter and you can buy large bags for a few pounds) and use your imagination for challenging hiding places.

Remember the age you cater for as a five year old won't have quite the same determination or concentration power as an older child would. You may even want to organise a romantic egg hunt for your loved one, with a trinket or even a ring (!) hidden in the egg itself.

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There's still life in the 60's show phenomenon

The Solid Silver 60's Show
Southport Theatre

Mike Pender and pals light up stage with nostalgia

Review by **Ron Ellis**

How long can they go on? I mean, you don't get many Solid Silver Fifties Shows anymore do you? I see Jerry Lee Lewis is appearing at the New Orleans Jazz Festival next month at 80 and Chuck Berry was 87 when he hung up his rock'n'roll shoes at St. Louis' Blueberry Hill Bar last September. What struck me most about this concert was the unfortunate choice of costume by the artistes.

PP Arnold seemed to be wearing a serge bus conductor's uniform. Any minute I expected her to be handing out tickets. In fairness though, I suppose that is very 60's as they only have drivers nowadays.

Chris Farlowe lurched on wearing trainers and an old black shirt hanging over his joggers as if he'd broken off from a spot of gardening.

Mike Pender went for the snazzy showbiz look in a shiny blue jacket but the sartorial elegance was ruined by a pair of trousers he might have borrowed from Max Wall. A shame nobody bothered to introduce him but he announced himself just in case nobody knew who he was.

Once upon a time there used to be people called comperes. Where was Des O'Connor when you needed him?

Before The Merseybeats appeared, we had three minutes of a blacked out stage during which several people mistakenly left for the bar, thinking it was the interval.

Billy J. Kramer looked like he'd just come off the set of Poldark with his long straggly hair, waving his arms like a scarecrow in a gale and sporting the kind of frock coat that town criers wore in the century before last.

But now to the music. Backing band, The New Amen Corner, in blazers and slacks (the Boat Race Look), were everything professional musicians should be, tight, in tune and with a great drummer generating a solid beat. Nice to hear 'Bend me Shake me' and 'Half as Nice' again in their two solo spots. Similarly, Billy J's American backing band, The Risers were pure class.

PP Arnold sang her two biggest hits, 'Angel of the Morning' and 'First Cut is the Deepest', and duetted with Chris Farlowe on 'Private Number', a 1968 hit for William Bell and Judy Clay.

Chris Farlowe half talked his way through 'Handbags and Gladrags' but was more on form with his No 1 hit, the Jagger–Richards composition, 'Out of Time'.

The Merseybeats were the best on the bill, both for their singing and for their natural interaction with the audience. Furthermore, they were smartly dressed too, in matching black slacks and billowing white shirts. With Tony Crane's son, Adrian, on keyboard, they ran through their repertoire of hits like 'I Think of You', 'Wishin' and Hopin' and The Mersey's 'Sorrows' to great acclaim.

Mike Pender, the lead vocalist on the original Searchers single, sang 'Needles and Pins' and followed with others of the group's hits but his best number was his version of Neil Sedaka's 'Solitaire', where Andy Williams unjustly beat him to the charts.

Billy J. Kramer sounded nothing like he did in the 60's. Gone the soft, caressing tones of his 'Little Children' and 'Do You Want to Know a Secret' days. Now, he roared his way through his repertoire with a gravelly snarl.

Like Brian Hyland, who had hits with ballads but really wanted to be a rocker, Billy J was wrongly guided onto the cabaret circuit when, judging by the two new, self–penned numbers from his new CD, he could easily have extended his career as a rock singer. 'To Liverpool with Love' was the liveliest number of the night.

Forget the tribute acts. Here we had three and a quarter hours of nostalgia by people who made the sound of the 60's and the packed audience lapped it up. This is history.

Star rating: Nostalgia at its best. 8 out of 10.

Robin returns to his hometown to rescue beloved Maid Marion

Chris in Robin Hood **Code NA**

AUDIENCES young and old will be in a quiver this Easter as Robin Hood returns home.

People are invited to join Robin Hood, played by CITV's Hi–5 Chris Edgerley, from Southport, as he puts right the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham who rules over the good people of Sherwood, collecting taxes to pay for his own evil plans.

Chris Edgerley is from Churchtown went to Churchtown primary, Stanley High, then KGV. At the age of 18 he moved to London to attend drama school on a scholarship. While in Southport he was in many productions at the Arts Centre and Little Theatre.

He has worked professionally for the past 10 years and is best know for presenting CITV's Hi–5 for the past six years. Chris has also appeared in Emmerdale, many TV Commercials and London shows.

The auditions for 'Sherwoods Got Talent' are the perfect distraction as the Sheriff kidnaps Maid Marian – will Robin Hood and his very Merry Men be able to rescue her in time??

Join the gang and enjoy this Spring Pantomine with jokes, animated projections, 'spectacular' effects, and a collection of toe tapping, original, sing–a–long songs designed for the whole family.

Wicked Productions has joined forces with Captiv8 Productions to create this new comedy.

Robin Hood plays at Southport Theatre on Monday, April 13 (3pm and 7pm).

Flautist promising at Engine Rooms

WHEN you think of jazz, you don't often think about the flute – however the instrument has played an effective role in that form of music.

Flautist Peter Westbrook, from Skelmersdale, who has a PhD in musicology, has written on the flute in jazz and is to perform on Friday, April 3 at the Engine Rooms.

On the night, which will start at 9pm, people will be able to hear music from Chick Corea, Wayne Shorter, Miles Davis and Duke Ellington.

Peter, 70, who was born in Staines and lived in America for 40 years, will be appearing with Tom Sykes who plays the piano and the violin. Tom is a music teacher at Liverpool Community College. Simonne Dale will be the singer on the night and she will be performing Brazilian music and the music of Antonia Carlos Jobim. Lee Webber will be the base player and Jonny Dale will be the drummer.

Peter is the writer of the book The Flute in Jazz: Window on World Music which has an accompanying film. It includes interviews with leading flutists and other major jazz artists. It looks at the history of flute in jazz.

Peter said: "The flute was not used in jazz for the first 50 years as it was seen as a woman's instrument. However that changed in the 1950s with the likes of Frank Wess who played the flute. In the last 20 years, the flute has been used in jazz more and more.

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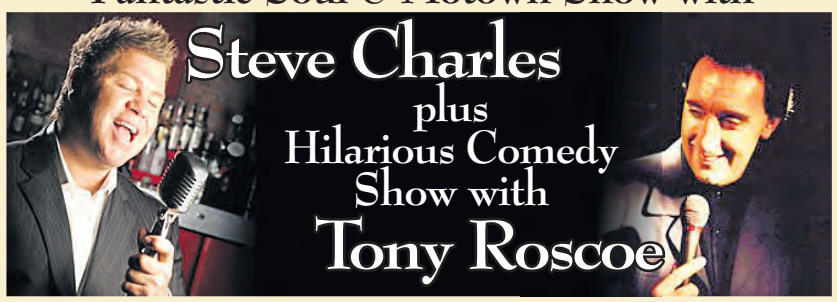

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IN MEMORIAM

Pilling Len

Passed away 5th April 2014.

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So many memories Dad, shooting on The Moss with our black labrador Kim. Fishing, ferreting, bowling, days at the races in Doncaster and Catterick, good nights out in the Wardens and The Legion. Walks down the woods in Old Skem seeing the "Devil Steps" and the "Fairy Steps"

You were so humorous and laid back, you could make a joke out of 'owt, and I know they'll all be having a better laugh up there now, especially when you and Auntie Alma get together!!

You liked your horse racing (and it was meant to be when you passed on 'Grand National Day!') You loved your football, bowling and having a good laugh.

God willing, me and my dog Emma will be doing the "Race For Life" again for the 5th time. We do it for all the people suffering this dreadful illness, but last years race was for you mainly.

Please look after my babies Dad. Your grandson and my son Liam who passed on 30th December 1983 and your granddaughter and my daughter Briony who passed on 27th July 1984.

I know my Nan (Swift) is caring for her 2 great grandchildren but now they have their grandad to care for them too. It just gets harder and harder for me with every passing year Dad. Please tell them that I love them both very much and give them a big hug from their Mum.

My tears for you dad never stop and I love you and miss you so much.

Dad, all the family send their love to you, as you send your love to us.

I am "SO PROUD" that you are "MY DAD".

God bless Dad, we love and miss you so very much.

From your broken hearted daughter Lynn and Emma the dog
XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

Monaghan Bernie

2nd June 1952 - 6th April 2013

Thank you for your endless love that helps me through each day. And thank you for the memories that never fade away

Love Jude
XXX

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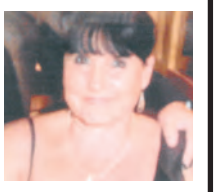
IN MEMORIAM

Mitchell Glenis



Two years have passed, we know there was a reason. Part of us was lost forever. So many times I think of you, and the things we liked to share It hurts so much that you're not there. But it helps to ease the pain to know you will always be by my side. Never forgotten.
Gerry
XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

Marshall Reg, Doreen & Andrew

In loving memory this Easter.

As the sun and flowers return You are always in our thoughts. Rest peacefully with all our love

From Malcolm and all your family and friends

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IN MEMORIAM

Winrow John

31-03-2010

Happy hours we all once enjoyed, Sweet the memories still but losing you has left a space this world could never fill.

Wife Joan and all your loving family.

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Lally
Brian

Marian and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for the many messages and cards of support at this sad time.

Thank you also for the donations made to Diabetes UK.

We would also like to thank Hardmans Funeral Directors for their caring and professional service. 1138713

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

Ward
Michael
(Mick)

4th April 1967

Always in my heart

Those we love
don't go away,
They walk beside
us every day,

Unseen, unheard,
but always near,
Still loved, still missed,
but very dear.

Happy Birthday
forever

Love Mum, Dad,
Jacqui and family,
Tony, Julie and family,
and Lyn

xxx

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DEATHS

McGHEE
Jessie
Litherland,
aged 93 years

Formerly with Scotts, Oleys Chemists, Bridge Road, Crosby, and Wilsons the Grocers, Stuart Road, Waterloo.

Thanks to NHS medical and nursing staff who helped Jessie live independently for so long, including:

Dr Richard Smith, Mr Rooney and Female Acru Ward staff (Royal Liverpool)

Mr Deegan (Royal & Broadgreen), NHS Walk-In Centre and Intermediate Care dept. (Litherland), and especially the Eye Clinic staff (Aintree) for their work for local people with AMD.

Funeral at Thornton Crematorium, Wed 1st April, 3.20pm.

Donations gratefully received by Plaza Community Cinema (0151-474-4076) or Guide Dogs for the Blind (0118 983 5555). Funeral arrangements by Co-operative Funeralcare (0151 525 6666).

Rest in peace.
Ian, family & friends

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Catlow
John
(Jack)

22nd March 2015

aged 85 years.

Husband of the late Margaret. Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 1st April at 3:20pm. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospice, Thornton, aged 77 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved wife of the late Thomas, a loving mum, devoted nan and great Nannie Mac to all her family.

Funeral Mass at St Richard's RC Church, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 9.30am followed by cremation at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for St Joseph's Hospice.

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DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Mum, how you suffered, for such a long time, but at peace, you are now.

I will miss you for all of my life.
You're with Dad and baby Kyle, so now I know how much you will smile.

Good night, God bless, daughter Jean, son-in-law Barry, grandchildren Kayleigh, Natasha, Wade and great grandchildren.

Night night Nani Mac.

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DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Mum, every day you were in my life and the boys lives, giving your love and support. You will be forever in our hearts and thoughts. You are at peace now and in the loving arms of my dad.

Good night and God bless you mum,
Your broken hearted daughter Andrea and partner Chris xxx

Nan, Good night and God bless you Nanna Mac, Love you forever, grandsons Jake & Jamie xxx

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DEATHS

Walton
Peter George

24th March 2015

Peacefully at home with his family by his side.

Much loved Husband of Nancy. Loving Father of Georgina and Frederick. Brother of Paul. Also a loving Uncle and Brother-in-law. Following a Private Committal, A Celebration of Peter's Life will take place at St James Church, Birkdale on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Family flowers only but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430

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DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

Mum, you fought till the very end, so brave.

No more pain now you are reunited with Dad.

Although our hearts ache we know you are free.

Love and miss you forever,

Your loving son Tommy and daughter-in-law Jackie

xxx

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DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

You were so strong Mum, and so brave, we will miss you so much.

Daughter Cathy, Son-in-law Gordon, Nan to Michael & Peter and partners Katie & Susan and Nannie Mc to Lilly & Jack

xx

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DEATHS

Birchall
John (Jack)

on 28th March 2015

Peacefully at home aged 82 years.

Loving Husband of Sheila, devoted Dad of Ian, Karen, Paul and Carol, cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helen's Crematorium on Tuesday 7th April at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

Pick
Audrey Joan

March 26th 2015

Aged 94 years.

Dearly loved wife of the late Reverend Bill Pick, dear mother of Geoffrey and Wendy, mother-in-law to Jacqui and John, devoted grannie to Alistair and Ellie. Funeral service at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Churchtown on Monday 13th April at 11:00am followed by Interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for The Children's Society and The Mothers' Union. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

To my beautiful, brave, sweetheart mother...

Please forgive me because my words fail me, they conspire, they upset and will forever elude me, but I do know, my dearest mother that I shall ever miss you eternally...

John, Paula
xx

Tanhya, Jay &
Crazy Lucia
xxx

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DEATHS

McCarthy
Catherine

25th March 2015

My lovely mum, you will be deeply missed by daughter Joan, son in law Chris, nan to Neil & Lisa and partners Lisa & Martin, nannie Mc to Ava, Mia, Freya & Koen.

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DEATHS

Mills
Marion
Elizabeth

Died 22nd March 2015

After a long illness

Always in out hearts, Daughter Elizabeth, Son in law David, Grandson Philip, Sister to Gladys (Deceased). Aunty to Julie and Robert, James, Alice and Scarlett. Requiem Mass at St. Patricks Church Marshside on Thursday 9th April at 12noon, followed by interment at Ford Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. Further enquiries and donations to H. Johnson and Sons Funeral Directors, 147 Roe Lane, Churchtown, Southport PR9 9PW. Tel 01704 227067.

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DEATHS

Rimmer
Margaret

Peacefully on
24th March 2015

Aged 96 years

Dearly loved wife of the late Harry, loving sister to John and the late Tom and Nan. Margaret will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Patrick's RC Church on Friday 10th April at 1.30pm followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium at 2.40pm. No flowers, but the family are receiving donations for Southport Offshore Rescue Trust. Further enquires to MJ Brookfield, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport PR8 5AJ. Tel 01704 532106. Special thanks to all staff at A&E and Ward 9A at Southport Hospital and Ascot Lodge Nursing Home for their care of Margaret.

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Solid Sheds Limited** of **10 Greenhey Place, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 9SA** is applying for a licence to use **Solid Sheds Limited, 10 Greenhey Place, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 9SA.** as an operating centre for **2** goods vehicle and **0** trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office. 1138887

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Plasto-Sac UK Ltd trading as Plasto Sac UK Ltd Unit 19 John Bradshaw Court Alexandria Way, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1LB is applying for a licence to use 9 Pit Hey Place, West Pimbo Ind. Est. Skelmersdale as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles.
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Localism Act 2011 – Section 95
Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land which is Listed as an Asset of Community Value.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Lancashire Borough Council has received notification under Section 95(2) of the Localism Act 2011 of the intention to dispose of the asset listed in the Schedule below, which is listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Notice of the intention to dispose was received by the Council on the 19th March 2015 and the Interim Moratorium Period will expire on 30th April 2015. Subject to notification by potential bidders the full Moratorium Period will expire on the 19th September 2015 and the Protected Period will expire on 19th September 2016.

Eligible organisations should notify the Council at the address below by no later than 4pm on the 30th April 2015 if they wish to be considered as a potential bidder for the property.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0164/OUT Outline - Development of 12 residential flats with associated parking and green space following the demolition of the existing public house (including details of access, layout and scale) at The Almond Tree, Abbeystead, Digmoor, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/0259/FUL Erection of 1.8m high green paladin fence to western and northern boundaries (retrospective) at Whalleys Farm, Beacon Lane, Newburgh.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0275/FUL Removal of Condition No. 4 and variation of Condition No. 3 of planning permission 2012/1216/FUL to read 'The rating level of noise from fixed plant shall not exceed 35db(a) at 3 metres from the facade of the nearest residential building. All measurements and assessments shall be done in accordance with the methodology within BS4142.2014 Method for Rating and Assessing Industrial and Commercial Sound.' This noise level shall not be exceeded at any time at Land To The South Of Black-A-Moor Lane And West Of, Altcar Lane, Downholland.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0129/FUL Residential development including 5 no. three bedroom detached dwellings, 2 no. five bedroom detached dwellings and associated access road. at Acland Bracewell And Co, The Barrons, 104 Church Road, Tarleton.
Application No: 2015/0167/FUL* 'Lantern' conservatory to rear at Elsinore, 1A Ayrefield Road, Roby Mill, UpHolland.
Application No: 2015/0178/FUL The demolition of the vacant, modern agricultural structure and the erection of 6 new dwellings with associated parking and amenity space at Halsall Hall Farm, Carr Moss Lane, Halsall.
Application No: 2015/0286/COU Change of commercial use class from A1 (Retail Shop) to A3 (Restaurant & Cafe) at Shoe Zone, 26 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/0288/FUL* Demolition of existing garage and building of new garage at The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Westhead.
Application No: 2015/0289/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing garage and building of new garage at The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Westhead.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
* Householder Applications
In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 1st April 2015
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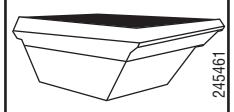
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OVER the past few weeks it's almost been impossible to visit the loo without someone venturing an opinion on what Jeremy Clarkson did or didn't do in a North Yorkshire hotel, which is why – until now – I've refrained from weighing in with mine.

Watching the whole Jeremy Clarkson thing unfold has been like watching – perhaps aptly – a car crash in slow motion, made all the worse by the fact I've grown up alongside his televisual career. So standing on the edge of the huge abyss his sacking has ripped through the motoring landscape has been like seeing a close relative getting nicked.

I spent my childhood watching the fuzzy–haired progenitor of dodgy faded denim carefully crafting his metaphors on Motorworld. I laughed when his description of how the Ford Probe was so good looking it could snap knicker elastic earned him a mention on Points of View, and yes, I remember the ripples of derision his televised destruction of the Vauxhall Vectra sent through the motoring world back in 1995. Clarkson, both back in the Nineties when I got hooked on Top Gear and in his mega successful Noughties incarnation, is still compulsive viewing.

Yet everyone who loves Top Gear – and that includes you – will be just fine, because the show's now been forced into the rethink nobody was prepared to admit it needed.

Top Gear of right now reminds me of Roger Moore donning a space suit in Moonraker – it was brilliant in parts, but proof positive that bigger budget doesn't always bring better results. Stung by the criticism of a Bond film that tried – and failed – to mimic Star Wars, the producers went back to basics and came back two years later with the excellent For Your Eyes Only.

The BBC – as Doctor Who, Have I Got News For You and, erm, a 2002 series called Top Gear prove – is brilliant at rescuing hit shows from the brink and making them brilliant again. As much as it hurts to admit it, Jeremy Clarkson and Top Gear are not one and the same. Now is the opportunity to reboot it and get back to the basics of the show. The cars.

For all the punches, BBC inquiries, sackings, death threats, wild speculation and newspaper columnists seriously suggesting Piers Morgan should be at the helm of the word's biggest motoring show despite having no experience of car reviewing, everyone will be fine.

Jeremy will be fine because he'll either retire or find an equally lucrative job. Top Gear will be fine because the Beeb's best brains are already onto the job, and you'll be fine because you're not going to be deprived of motoring telly.

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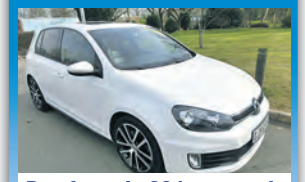

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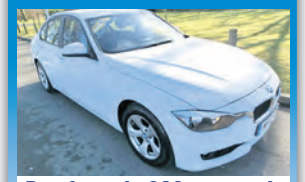

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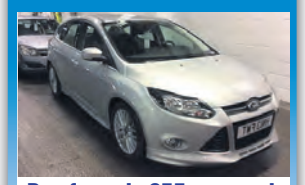

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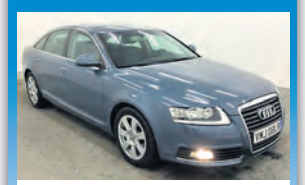

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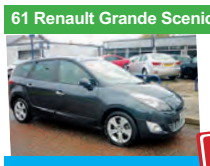

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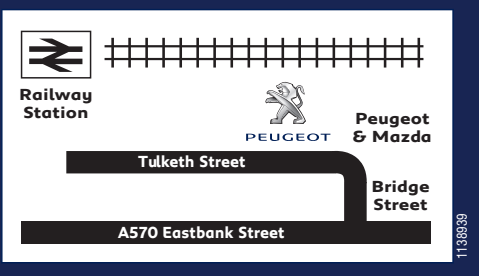

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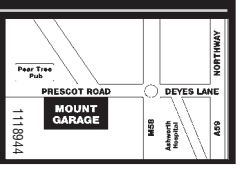

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Beesley still in charge

Report by **Tom Martin**

BURSCOUGH have confirmed that Mark Beesley has been appointed as permanent manager.

There had been speculation that the first team boss had been let go but this has been firmly kicked into touch with Beesley overseeing the side's 4–1 victory at the weekend, scoring two goals himself.

It followed speculation that Beesley had been dismissed last week with a new man put in place.

There is also some confusion over the future of director of football Dave Hughes.

However, club secretary Callum Hudson said: "Mark Beesley is still very much the manager despite some confusion last week.

"I think unofficial fans groups on social media caused the

Mark Beesley

issue with quite a bit of miscommunication going on.

"Mark is still in charge with Liam Blakeman as his Number Two. These are exciting times at the club and we are looking at a new stadium to be located nearby. We are also looking forward to the last league game against leaders Salford City and hope to get as many fans down as we can for this big game."

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Burscough 4
New Mills 1

A STRONG second half display from Burscough saw them ease to a 4–1 victory over New Mills and further deepen their visitors' relegation worries.

The victory was far from certain though when Ross Needham put New Mills ahead on 17 minutes and Burscough had to battle hard to level the score through Wade Joyce on the half hour mark.

Despite further pressing from the home side either side of the break, the New Mills defence held firm and were looking to claim a vital away point as the game headed towards the final quarter.

A quick fire double from Mark Beesley on 71 and 75 minutes put paid to any hopes of that though and William Jones rounded off the scoring with a fourth for Burscough in the 82nd minute.

Although Burscough's recent form had all but removed any prospect of relegation from the EvoStik Division One North league, the home fans in the 120 strong crowd will be relieved that their first back–to–back win of 2015 has now made that a mathematical certainty.

Will Jones scores Bursough's fourth goal. Picture by Debbie Manifold.

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Home straight in sight

HAVING last had a home game on March 7, Skelmersdale United now have four home games in April to finish off the season, starting on Saturday when Rushall Olympic travel up from the Midlands for an Easter date at Stormy Corner, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Following the visit of Rushall, Skem have their last away game of the season when they go to Marine on Easter Monday for what should be a cracking encounter.

Rushall were Skem's first opponents in the Evo–Stik Premier Division when Tommy Lawson's side got promoted from Division One North in 2013. The Midlanders won that game thanks to a rather debatable penalty but since then Skem have beaten them at home last season, before this season the teams drew at Rushall. So it's fair to say that Saturday should see another close game.

Then on Monday Skem nip up the M58 to Crosby to meet relegation–haunted Marine.

However, they are also a rejuvenated side since the arrival of new manager Sean Hessey, having played five, won three, drawn one and only lost one and that was only 2–1 with a last–minute goal to the team that prevailed over Skem on Saturday, Ilkeston. Last season when the two sides met at the Arriva Stadium they shared four goals, but even that only tells half the story, as Skem dramatically recovered from 2–0 down, thanks to a goal deep into added time from goalkeeper Zac Hibbert.

If the Bank Holiday crowd are thrilled half as much they will be left gasping for breath.

The kick–off of both games is 3pm.

Skem supporters do have a cup final to look forward to at Stormy Corner. The Liverpool County FA this week confirmed that the final of the Senior Cup will take place at Skelmersdale on Saturday, April 18, kick–off 3pm. AFC Liverpool will be the opponents. There will be more about that game in The Champion over the next couple of weeks.

One further occasion that will take place at Stormy Corner is one that might suit a budding Inspector Morse, DCI Banks or maybe even a Vera Stanhope, as the club will stage a Murder Mystery Night on Friday, April 10, 7.30pm start.

You will have the opportunity to solve a murder and have your supper afterwards. The night is being staged by Les Gallop and you can purchase tickets by contacting him on Facebook or by phoning 01695 722123. They are priced at £7 each including the supper.

Gallant Skem are out of luck again

Ilkeston 2 Skelmersdale United 0

By Neil Leatherbarrow

SKELMERSDALE United will do well to play better than they did at the New Manor Ground on Saturday – despite the result.

Indeed, they will very likely play a lot worse and win in what remains of the season.

This was always going to be a close encounter with the first goal likely to be crucial and for long periods Skem looked by far the more likely to get it only for their best efforts to be frustratingly dashed by Ilkeston strikes on 70 and 75 minutes.

It was clear early on that Ilkeston were not opening Skem up and the men in blue were making progress when they pressed the home goal.

In the first 15 minutes the best Ilkeston could muster was when Kane Richards saw a dangerous looking cross sent for a corner by Valtar Fernandes and another ball from James Reid that was allowed to pass across the face of goal for a goal–kick.

In attack Skem's Dan Mitchley was tripped by Jack Lane and the resulting free–kick from Kenny Strickland was blocked and although the rebound fell to Fernandes his effort went wide.

In the 27th minute only a tremendous save by home goalkeeper Jordan Smith kept Skem at bay. Alan Burton latched on to a Strickland free–kick from the left but the save by Smith from his header was stunning.

Scott Bakkor almost struck on 34 minutes after a mazy dribble into the box from the left, but a save low down by Smith thwarted his hopes.

Chances were few but by half–time Skem could certainly claim to be ahead on points.

The game was even after the restart with both defences dominating. The nearest Ilkeston got again was a shot from Reid that was saved by Steve James and a cross from the same player that was dealt with by Rob McIntosh.

Ilkeston, uniquely for a club in the Evo–Stik Premier Division, are full–time and it could be said that this contributed to them getting the vital opening goal from a set–piece move on 70 minutes. Reid put an out swinging corner in from the left, Joe Maguire ran onto the ball and bulleted a header into the Skem net.

When the opener was followed up by a superb strike from 25 yards to make it 2–0 via Callum Chettle it was always going to be very difficult for Skem to recover.

It had really been a gallant effort by the visitors and had home keeper Smith not pulled off such a good save from Burton in the first–half it might well have been a different story.

But that's just the way it is for United at the moment and you can't be critical of the spirit shown, a repeat of which will surely see them back to winning ways very soon.

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